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SUBJECT: TURKISH MILITARY POSTURE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

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1. ON FEB 8 EMBOFF REPEATED KYRENIA AREA TRIPS OUTLINED REFTTEL. FIVE TURKISH MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS NEAR KYRENIA, INCLUDING BELLAPAI COMMANDO CAMP, APPEARED EMPTY. EMBOFF TOLD EVACUATION STARTED MIDWEEK; TROOPS MOVED "TO FRONT LINES". TEN COVERED TRUCKS SIGHTED BETWEEN KYRENIA AND NICOSIA; CARGO APPEARED TO BE AMMUNITION. FOR FIRST TIME IN MONTHS, TWO MORTAR MOUNTED JEEPS WERE OBSERVED MOVING IN DIRECTION NICOSIA.

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2. TURKISH ARMY HOSPITAL LOCATED IN KYRENIA WAS OBSERVED LOADING COTS, MEDICINE, PLASMA, ETC. ONTO TRUCKS FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT. SOME TENTS ALSO BEING PACKED.

3. CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF STAFF CAR ACTIVITY SIGHTED BETWEEN NICOSIA AND KYRENIA.

4. NO RPT NO TANKS SIGHTED; NO RPT NO SHIPS OFFLOADING KYRENIA HARBOR.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED ABOVE, SECURITY REMAINS LAX AND THERE NO RPT NO SENSE OF TENSION IN TURKISH COMMUNITY. TMT RESERVES APPARENTLY NOT CALLED UP. EMBOFF, FOR THIRD TIME IN THREE DAYS WAS NOT SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED DURING EXTENSIVE DRIVE ACROSS NORTHERN CYPRUS.
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